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TODAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½.

## A SECRET?

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### JAPANESE SHIP ASHORE.

Leaking Slightly In Hatch.  
NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

Inquiries made by a *China Mail* representative this morning about the Japanese steamer Kinzan Maru, which is reported to have gone on some rocks round Ockson Island, near Amoy, elicited the information from the local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Heng Kong agents of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, owners of the Kinzan Maru, that very little particulars have reached here concerning the stranding of the vessel.

After the first intimation of the mishap, it was learned, nothing more has been communicated to Hong Kong. The vessel is believed to be still aground awaiting a favourable tide to make an attempt to get off. She is stated to be quite safe and not seriously damaged, although leaking slightly in one hatch.

#### "Not So Serious."

Asked if anything was being done from Hong Kong to assist the vessel, such as the sending out of a tug or relief ship, our informant replied: "No. The matter is not considered so serious."

It is understood that the mishap occurred whilst the Kinzan Maru was on a voyage from Tientsin to Hong Kong and Canton. When nearing Amoy at about 9 a.m. on Monday, she encountered very thick fog and this was the cause of the grounding. Her port bow was stated to have been damaged, and it is thought that the leakage into the hatch, believed locally to be the No. 1, is due to this damage.

News of the mishap reached the Hong Kong office of the N.Y.K. by cable from the Shanghai office. The Kinzan Maru is not equipped with wireless, and it is surmised that the news of her plight was conveyed to Amoy by other ships and the news cabled to Shanghai from that port.

#### Arrival Delayed.

The Kinzan Maru was due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow morning and it is now not expected that she will make port according to schedule. She is a cargo boat and does not carry passengers. Her run is between Tientsin and Canton, calling in Hong Kong regularly both on the up and down trips.

A steel screw steamer, the Kinzan Maru has a tonnage of 1,704 (999 net). She was built in 1918 by the Mitsubishi Zosen, Kobe, where she was registered.

Her dimensions are:—Length 250 ft.; beam 37.7 ft.; and depth 20.5 ft.

### SZE YAP CASE.

#### RECOLLECTIONS OF A STORMY MEETING.

#### DISPUTE WITH DIRECTORS.

Further evidence was taken this morning in the case in which the Sze Yap Steamship Company are applying to the Court for an injunction to restrain certain named defendants from acting as Directors.

At the outset, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for plaintiffs, and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, for defendants, addressed His Lordship, (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), stating that they concurred in the view that in consequence of a difference of opinion, the Directors of the Company had decided not to call a meeting.

Witnesses were then called as to what happened at a meeting on July 8, when, it is alleged, the Chairman, Mr. Li Yu-tung, after a stormy debate, left the room, together with 40 men, described as "his party."

Mr. Potter elicited the information that the "other side" suggested two resolutions as to chartering and dividends were duly passed. Witness, however, insisted that only a minority present passed the resolutions. The majority did not agree.

The eight resolutions on the shareholders' requisition were read out in the body of the hall by a clerk.

It was also stated by witness that the minutes of the meeting at which a new Chairman was put forward, were faithfully recorded. They were later confirmed by duly convened meetings.

The next proceeding

### ROUSING WELCOME FOR PRINCES.

Jamaica's Reception of Royal Visitors.  
STREET BEFLAGGED.

Kingston, Jamaica, Yesterday. The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and his younger brother, Prince George, has caused great excitement amongst the population here, which has not been so stirred since the visit of their father 40 years ago.

A public holiday was proclaimed to-day in honour of the visit, and the inhabitants flocked out of their houses to greet the Princes with a storm of cheering and clapping of hands, for Jamaica was almost the only Crown Colony which the Prince of Wales had not visited.

The launch of the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, G.C.M.G.) came alongside the liner, some distance from the berth, and the

#### EXPLOSION ON X-I.

Accident On Britain's Largest Submarine.

London, Yesterday. Six persons were injured, mostly through burns, in an explosion in the engine room of the X-One, Britain's biggest submarine, while carrying out trials in the Thames estuary. One engine was partially wrecked and she returned to Chatham on one engine.

Cause Unknown.

The authorities at Chatham Dockyard state that the X-One was only doing engine trials on the surface. The cause of the explosion is still unknown, but it was possibly due to compressed air, which was prepared in the engine room for torpedo propulsion.

Twelve men were injured, two seriously.—Reuter.

Admiralty Report.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces that the explosion occurred in the crank case of the port main engine and was caused by a temporary seizure of the piston. Six ratings were seriously injured and six suffered minor injuries.—British Wireless Service.

#### STOP PRESS

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Defendant's Plea.

Mr. Rendall said that as a result of the fire, the tenants, who were poor people, urged his client to reconstruct the buildings as they had nowhere to live. He did so, especially in view of the Chinese New Year, and also that the ground floor was occupied by a shop, and the folks wanted to be housed so that they could collect all the money due to them at that time. His client was a well-known member of the Chinese community, and was the proprietor of considerable lots of land, and also the owner of a large ship-building yard in Kowloon.

Mr. Rendall emphasised that his client would submit to any order made on him. He referred to a defect in the building caused by a cracked wall, and said that defendant was willing to repair it with cement and mortar.

Fine and Order.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25, and made an order for the staircase to be rebuilt to the requirements and satisfaction of the Building Authority within six weeks.

#### ILLICIT DRUGS.

LEAGUE PROPOSES STERN MEASURES.

WITHDRAWAL OF LICENCES.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League Opium committee has passed a resolution urging the withdrawal of the Licences of any firm manufacturing drugs for illicit traffic.

The resolution will be forwarded to the Governments concerned with a request for a decision before the assembly meets in May for the conference on the limitation of drugs manufacture.—Reuter.

#### TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Moh Tek-hui, China's chief delegate to the Moscow conference on the Chinese Eastern Railway, arrived this morning. Interviewed, he said he had come to the capital to obtain instructions regarding the proposed resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia, and added that he had reported fully to Chang Hauch-liang at Mukden, but Chang had ordered him to go to Nanking for instructions.

It is understood here that two suggestions are before the National Government, firstly, that there be a resumption of full diplomatic relations, and secondly that only commercial relations be resumed, some quarters fearing that full resumption of diplomatic relations would lead to Soviet Communist activities in China.—Reuter.

CONFERENCE OPENS.

Nanking, Yesterday.

That the proposed Shanghai-Peking air mail line will become a reality before the month ends, is the gist of a report issued by the China National Aviation Corporation.

With the exception of a final tour of inspection, most of the necessary ground work had been completed. Only mail matter will be carried at the beginning, but passenger service will be inaugurated in the Spring if present plans materialise. Regular stops will be made at Hauchow, Tsinan and Tientsin.—Reuter.

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ONTRABAND WINE?

As a result of the seizure of 562 gallons of spirits of wine, on which duty had not been paid, five Chinese, comprising the crew of a sailing junk, on which the haul was made in Cheung Chan harbour, appeared at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the joint possession of the contraband.

His Worship remanded the defendants in custody till to-morrow morning.

The tea industry in the Maritimes is well represented at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, and the animals are attracting a good deal of attention.

The tea is a product

### PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.

New Staircases Not Suitable.  
LANDLORD FINED.

The recent fire at Aberdeen, when three two storied buildings were completely gutted, causing the occupiers to be without homes for a time, was recalled at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Leung So-wing, of 28, Nanjing Street, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with having failed to comply with the requirements of the Building Authority, in regard to the erection of new staircases.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defendant and pleaded guilty.

Only Means of Escape.

Mr. F. C. Neville, of the P.W.D., prosecuting, said that the premises in question had been gutted by fire in December last, and had been re-instated, and were nearly ready for occupation. At the time of the fire, the staircase had been cut off, and two people were seriously injured through jumping from a window on the second floor.

He added that the architect, Mr. Gibson, submitted a plan, which, however, was disapproved by the Building Authority, and returned for alterations on January 5. Mr. Neville emphasised the point that staircases had to be protected by life, as they were the one means of escape.

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JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	5th Feb.
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Empress of Japan Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17	
Empress of Canada Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27	
Empress of Canada* Apr. 25	Apr. 28	May 1	May 14	May 25	
Empress of Russia* May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25	
Empress of Japan* May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 10	
Empress of Asia* June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22	
Empress of Canada June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 8	
Empress of Russia* July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20	
Empress of Japan July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5	
Empress of Asia* July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	
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### HUMANE SOCIETY MEDAL FOR BRITISH OFFICER.

LIEUT. C. H. C. SINGLETON, R.N., 25, at Hankow, of H.M.S. Petrel has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Silver Medal for conspicuous bravery in the face of extreme difficulty and danger, when attempting to rescue from drowning on August 13, one of the men attached to his ship.

Singleton, who had been ashore on duty to ensure that the liberty men from his ship had all returned from the Naval canteen at Hankow, was returning to H.M.S. Petrel, together with six liberty men, in the ship's motor sampan boat with very little draught, and very little freeboard. Two of the six ratings had stepped on board when Stoker O'Brien came out from under the canopy of the sampan, paused for a moment before stepping inboard, and fell backwards into the sea.

Lieut. Singleton at once went in fully clad, knowing the man to be a non-swimmer, and caught him some twenty yards astern of the Petrel, but he struggled so violent-

ly that they both sank and Singleton was forced to relinquish his hold and could not locate the man again. The motor sampan then went some three miles down the river, and searched for Stoker O'Brien, but without success, and it picked up Lieut. Singleton on the way back. It is, of course, well known that the Yangtze River is notoriously dangerous owing to its swift current.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

THE FOLLOWING BRITISH WARSHIPS WERE IN HARBOUR TO-DAY:

BERWICK—NO. 6 BUOY.

CUMBERLAND—WEST WALL.

HERALD—SOUTH WALL.

HERMES—NO. 1 BUOY.

IROQUOIS—NORTH WALL.

MARAZION—NO. 18 BUOY.

MEDWAY—NO. 2 BUOY.

MOTH—NORTH WALL.

ODIN—NO. 2 BUOY.

OSIRIS—IN DOCK.

OSWALD—IN DOCK.

OTUS—NO. 2 BUOY.

PETERFIELD—NORTH WALL.

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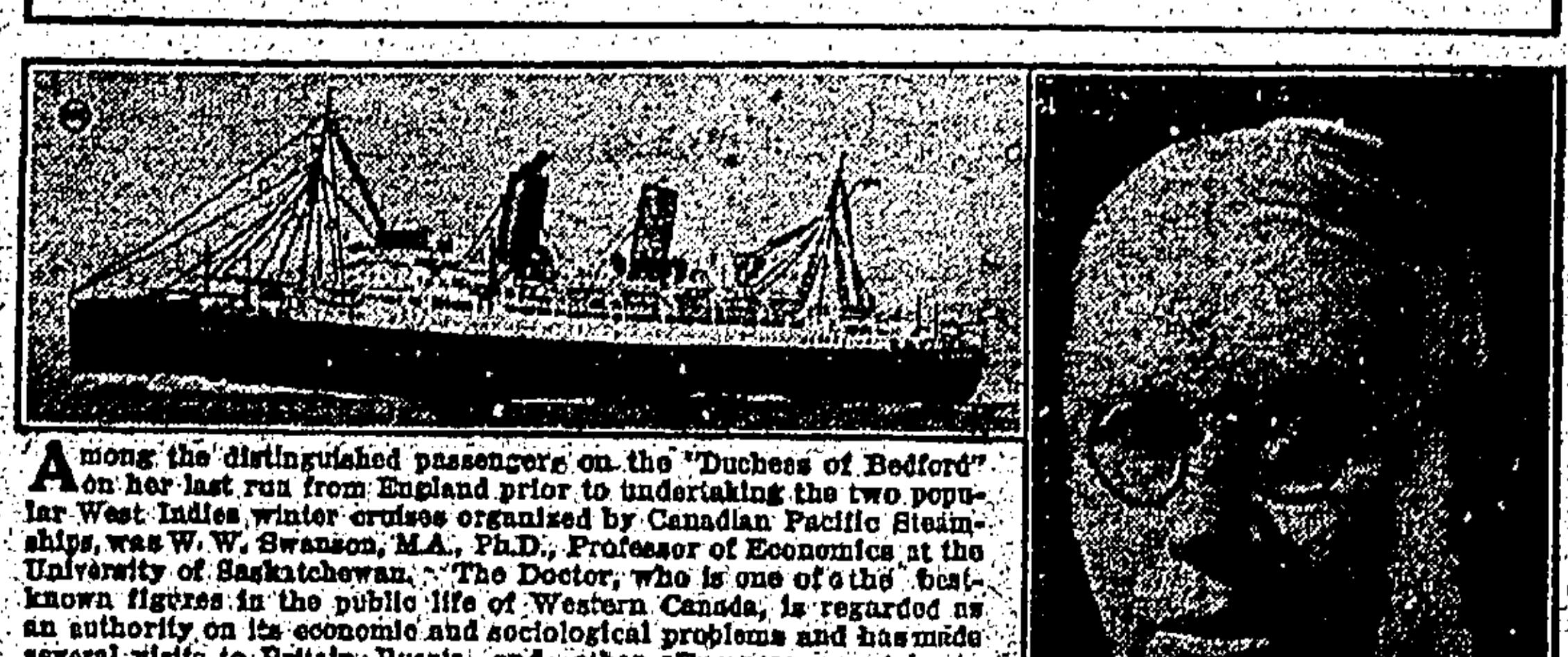
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### Noted Economist Passenger on "Duchess of Bedford"



Among the distinguished passengers on the "Duchess of Bedford" on her last run from England prior to undertaking the two popular winter cruises organised by Canadian Pacific Steamships was Prof. W. W. Swanson, A. T. Ross, Professor of Economics at the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Ross, who is one of the best known figures in the public life of Western Canada, is regarded as an authority on its economic and sociological problems and has made several visits to Britain, Russia and other European countries to study agrarian problems. He is one of the authors of a recent volume on the economics of the production of wheat and is a well-known writer and lecturer on this and allied subjects. A native of Oshawa, Ont., he graduated at Queen's and later at the University of Chicago, and accepted his present appointment in 1928. He has served as chairman on two Royal Commissions appointed by the Province of Saskatchewan, one on Livestock Marketing and the other which concerned the Land Settlement. He is also chairman of the Committee investigating the Dairying Industry in that province.

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PERIM	7,648	7th Feb. Noon	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MALWA	10,080	28th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
ALIPORE	5,273	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	28th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	15,658	25th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
SUDAN	—	2nd May	Mars., L'don, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
CODORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	8,985	9th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
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TALMA	10,000	7th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,008	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	1st Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	28th Feb.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
NELLORE	6,853	1st May	

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

TAKADA	6,949	1931.	
KHYBER	9,114	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SOMALI	—	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,008	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,008	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CODORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,958	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMA	9,018	12th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,144	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,008	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CODORIN	15,132	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	8th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TALAMA	9,018	12th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,144	21st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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##### Nanking, Yesterday

The Navigation Commissioner of Foreign Affairs intimated that the Chinese Government would make use of the American investment for the development of Chinese navigation. The investment would be regarded as a loan, to be refunded from the annual profits within five years.

The Chinese Government has the full authority to employ all staffs in the Sino-American Shipping Company. Plans are being drawn to connect Chinese and foreign ports, besides placing steamers on the Chinese coasts and inland waters.

##### Some Conditions.

A Shanghai report says that the following are some of the conditions in the organisation of the Sino-American Shipping Company:—

1. All vessels are to be supplied by the Robert Dollar Steamship Company;
2. All vessels are to fly Chinese flags;
3. The Shipping Company is to be registered in accordance with Chinese law, and to be under the control of the Chinese Navigation Bureau;
4. The Shanghai - Hankow, Shanghai - Nanking, Shanghai - Canton, Shanghai - Fukien, Shanghai - Tientsin are the temporary routes to be operated;

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Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1931.

It is learned that the Ministry of Communications has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to wire to the Robert Dollar Company to despatch representatives to Nanking to take up the negotiations.—Canton News Agency.

[A Reuter cable of January 21 stated:—It is reported that American shipping concerns have approached the Communications Ministry with a proposal to form a Sino-American shipping company. American owners will furnish the steamers, hoist the Chinese flag, and operate services along the present or new routes, according to the decision of the Government. The Ministry is reported to be willing to negotiate, with a stipulation that China's sovereignty be respected and the Government's shipping regulations be observed.]

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Tian via Stow & Shai	HOPSANG ... Wed, 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG ... Sat, 14th Feb. at 8 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	CHAKSANG ... Mon, 9th Mar. at 8 p.m.
Shanghai via Amoy, Shanghai, Siam, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG ... Sat, 7th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Siam, Moji & Kobe	SUTANG ... Wed, 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	HOISANG ... Tues, 3rd Mar. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG ... Fri., 13th Feb. at Noon
Sandakan	HINSANG ... Sat, 21st Feb. at Noon
Tian via Stow & Foochow	CHEONGSHING Tues, 17th Feb. at 7 a.m.

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Mrs. W. Cooper Passmore thanks  
all friends who sent wreaths and  
floral tributes in her sad bereave-  
ment, also for letters of condolence.  
She wishes to thank es-  
pecially those who attended the  
funeral.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1931.

## SMALLPOX PERIL.

Commendation of no stinted  
nature is due to the Sanitary  
Board for its decision yesterday  
to rescind a resolution of 1918  
that ought never to have been  
adopted, namely, giving permission  
to treat smallpox patients in  
their own homes under certain  
conditions. As the Medical Officer  
of Health forcibly, yet truly,  
stated yesterday, that resolution  
of thirteen years ago is "fundamen-  
tally bad in that it under-  
mines the essential principle of  
isolation." There is no valid  
reason why smallpox cases should  
be treated differently from other  
infectious diseases. It is not done  
in other civilised countries or  
colonies, and it should not be done  
here. The most primary essential  
for control of an epidemic is  
isolation. Remove that, and the  
whole community undergoes the  
risk of infection either from  
patients or contacts. The convenience  
or whim of the individual cannot possibly be studied  
at the expense of the entire population.

To talk of interference  
with customs is a mere beating  
of ukelele-banjo, from 2 King's  
Terrace yesterday. The instru-  
ment was valued at \$10 and was the  
property of Mr. J. H. Witchell, who  
stated that he left it on the  
verandah, from where it was stolen.  
The accused was stopped, and arrested on suspicion by Sub-inspec-

tor Elston. The Chinese  
woman, Chan Sze, (70) was re-  
moved to the Kowloon Hospital  
after having accidentally fallen  
from the first floor of 163 Canton  
Road, but she succumbed fifteen  
minutes later.

At 5.05 a.m. to-day a Chinese  
woman, Chan Sze, (70) was re-  
moved to the Kowloon Hospital  
after having accidentally fallen  
from the first floor of 163 Canton  
Road, but she succumbed fifteen  
minutes later.

Eight weeks' imprisonment was  
imposed on Fong Kam, at the Kowloon  
Magistracy this morning for  
stealing a quantity of utensils and  
three pieces of clothing from a  
contractor's shed at the rear of  
293 Tai Nam Street.

Chan Mun, an unemployed Chi-  
nese, was charged before Mr.  
Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy  
this morning with the larceny of a  
jacket and \$3.80, the property of  
Yin Tim, in Canton Road yester-  
day. He was sent to jail for six  
weeks.

Leung Kam, of no fixed abode,  
was yesterday taken to the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital suffering from  
the effects of lysis poisoning, stated  
to have been self-administered. He  
was picked up on the pathway out-  
side the hospital mortuary, where  
he had collapsed.

The programme of the concert  
to be given in the Helena May  
Institute to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. in-  
cludes songs by Mrs. Sanger and  
Mrs. Gregory, and three orchestral  
pieces—"Souvenir d'Printemps,"  
"A Forest Melody" and "Two  
English Dances" by Roger Quilter.

The case against three hawkers,  
Leung Yu, Leung Kam and Leung  
Ha, who were charged before Mr.  
Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday with causing grievous  
bodily harm to Ho Cho and Yip  
Sik, and assaulting Ho Hin and  
Wan Siu, watchmen at the Kow-  
loon Godowns, was adjourned.

Li Yung-ching, a married woman  
living at 52 Tai Yuen Street, has  
reported to the Police that at 11  
o'clock last night her husband  
slipped in the kitchen of the house  
and injured his head. He was re-  
moved to hospital. His condition,  
though at present good, may be-  
come serious.

The December issue of the  
Timber Growers' Review, the official  
organ of the New Zealand  
Timber Growers' Association, con-  
tains a number of interesting  
articles on afforestation and  
kindred matters, including an in-  
formative article by Mr. W. R. B.  
Oliver, M.Sc., the well-known au-  
thor on bird life in the  
Antipodes, and the Director of the  
Dominion Museum in Wellington.  
It is called "The Economic Value  
of Birds in Afforestation."

"There was a sound of re-  
vival—" on board the Empress of  
Japan last night when the officials  
of the Canadian Pacific Steamship  
Company entertained a large  
gathering of friends. Animated  
scenes were witnessed in the Ball  
Room and Palm Court where the  
ship's orchestra provided excellent  
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## LABOUR'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY

Working With The Good Employer.

## MR. BELL'S ADDRESS.

## The Fallacy Of Cheap Labour.

The important part played in industry by modern Labour Organisations was emphasised by Mr. James Bell, M.P., in an address to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at the weekly tiffin yesterday.

Mr. Bell, in the course of his talk, referred to the unfavourable and insanitary conditions under which labour in Britain had worked in the past. He stated that the British Economic Mission to the Far East, of which he is a member, had come across similar conditions in their tour of the East.

The speaker further stressed the value of a Labour Organisation to the high-minded employer who wished to give his workers a fair deal. He contended that without the help of the Labour Organisation, such an employer would be at an economic disadvantage with the exploiter of sweated labour.

## STRIKES NOT DESIRED.

No Labour Organisation wanted strikes or disputes, said Mr. Bell. They wanted to work side by side with the good employer. Nor should the utterances of extremists in their ranks be sufficient to cause the movement to be condemned. "Labour Organisations are not the only one where extremists are allowed to air their views," he remarked, significantly.

The President, Sir W. W. Hornell, introducing Mr. Bell, said that he was Member of Parliament for the Ormskirk Division of Lancashire. He was Secretary of the United Textile Workers' Association, and resided at Oldham.

The President added that Sir Ernest Thompson, Chairman of the Economic Mission, was unfortunately under doctor's orders for a few days. He had forwarded his apologies for non-attendance, together with his kindest regards.

Members of the British Economic Mission who also attended were Sir Thomas Allen, (Vice-Chairman),



"Yesterday I gave my wife a lecture on economy."

"Did it have any effect?"

"Yes, she forbade me to smoke." — *Wahre Jakob*, Berlin.

Mr. Louis Beale, C.B.E., Mr. Wm. A. Crowther, J.P., Lt.-Col. Reginald Morcom, C.B.E., Mr. F. W. Birchenugh, J.P., Mr. E. Duxbury, Mr. George Green, Mr. Joseph Wild, and Mr. Arthur Reiss, J.P.

Mr. Bell's Speech:

Mr. Bell, introducing his subject said, "I know that in this room there are various interests represented, and I daresay there are some of them who thought that when a so-called Labour man had to make a speech on this subject, or what should really be called 'Labour Organisation in Industry,' they wondered what kind of men these Labour people were."

"I want to assure you that whatever anybody has said of us, or whatever picture is painted of us, we are men like yourselves," he said. "We have the same kind of feelings, although we may look at things from a very different angle from that which you have looked in the past. I am going to maintain that our attitude is right, that if you differ, you are wrong." (Laughter and applause.)

"What is Industry?"

"After all, what is Industry?" Mr. Bell proceeded. "What do we mean when we talk about Industrial development? We have men and women who are engaged in drawing food from the soil of our country. They are all engaged in Industry. And those engaged in making clothes, either woollen or cotton, or making boots and shoes, or anything we wear, are also engaged in Industry."

"Before we go any further let me throw this at you. What is it that men and women and children, too, who are engaged in growing food, have not enough to eat? Why is it that those making clothes for us to wear have not enough for themselves? There are so many evils in industry. Long hours, low wages, bad conditions. Why have we to refer to these things? Sometimes in any country, we find Parliament passing Socialistic and Communal Acts, and others of the

## MEMBER RESIGNS.

## TORY SEAT IN FOREHAM TO BE CONTESTED.

## HOPES OF NEW CANDIDATE.

London, Yesterday. A by-election will take place almost immediately in the Foreham division of Hampshire, owing to the resignation of the Conservative member, Major General Sir John Davidson.

Sir Thomas Inskip, the Attorney-General in the late Government, will be the Conservative candidate, and he states he is anxious to return to the House of Commons in time to take part in the debates on the Trades Dispute Bill.

In a three-cornered contest at the General Election, Sir John Davidson had a majority of 11,000. —Reuter.

## Empire Crusade.

Rugby, Yesterday. An exchange of letters between Mr. Paul Springman, representative of the Empire Crusade and United Empire Party in the East Islington by-election, now pending, and Miss Cazalet, the Conservative candidate, has resulted in the withdrawal of Mr. Springman, and the contest will be between Labour, Conservative and Liberal candidates.

The vacancy was caused by the death of the Labour member, Doctor Ethel Bentham, who had a majority of 2,000 over the Conservative candidate and 4,000 over the Liberal in the General Election.—British Wireless Service.

kind. What does that mean? That those engaged in industry from the capitalistic side cannot be trusted to do the fair thing by those they employ. They have to be forced to do it. It is not because there are not capitalists who want to do right. It is because there are some who do not want to.

## Value of Labour Bodies.

"And this brings me to the second part of my talk—that of Labour Organisations. You will find it impossible in any country in the world to carry on industry without some form of Labour Organisation. I have always tried to point out that those engaged in industry for the good of our health. And when we met some of the leaders of industry in Japan recently we got the same tale, although it was put in different words. They said there 'We are in this business to make money, and not for love.'

**Good Employers Handicapped.** "Some of my friends on the Economic Mission are employers of labour. They may, and I know they do, want to give their workpeople a fair deal. But these good employers alone cannot set the standard for industry. Call them Labour Organisations, Trades Unions, or what you like, but it would be impossible for a good employer to exist in industry unless he had some form of Labour Organisation working with him.

"Take away your Trades Union organisations and leave employers to treat workpeople just as they would like. What happens? The bad employer can work his people twelve hours a day, if Parliament does not interfere, and if there are no Trades Unions to prevent him; whilst the good employer works them only eight hours.

"And who will get the business? Not the good employer. I, as a bad employer, can go into the market, and cut you out. You would have to come down to my standard—which means that the bad employer would set the standard, for them.

**The Nature of the Flight.** This is a most amazing and sensational daring proposal since it would involve a flight of approximately 5,600 miles across the desolate wastes of the North Pacific Ocean all the way.

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**True Wealth.** "Wealth in any nation does not consist" of L.S.D. The wealth of our own nation does not consist of the amount of money we possess. It consists of the prosperity and happiness of the nation. And this applies whether it be in Great Britain, America, China, or Japan (Laughter and applause).

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8 p.m.

Saturday—Bachelors' Dance, Craingowen Cricket Club, Entertainment.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Romance."

To-day—Central Theatre, "With Byrd at the South Pole."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Swing High."

To-day—World Theatre, "Conquering Beauty," (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Flying Fleet."

To-morrow—Concert, Helena May Institute.

Home Maids.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kiddesport).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 10 a.m.

## SPORTS.

See Diary on page 8.

## MEETINGS.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Office 12.30 p.m.

February 12—Annual meeting of "Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

## LAMMER'S AUCTIONS.

Friday—At Sales room, 4 Dudley Street, curios, 2.30 p.m.; jewellery, 3 p.m.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

To-day—University Lecture on "Radium" by Dr. J. K. Montgomery, 5.30 p.m.

Friday—Queen's College Prize Distribution, 11 a.m.

Saturday—Diocesan Girls' School prize distribution, 2.30 p.m.

February 12—French Convent School prize distribution.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

## KINGSFORD SMITH.

## TO FLY THE PACIFIC TO JAPAN.

Although the famous Australian aviator, Air-Commodore Kingsford Smith, has been credited with the intention of abandoning all ambitious flights since his marriage, his brother has announced that the Air-Commodore will bring his bride to San Francisco in April to prepare to fly to Japan.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, February 21, 1931, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, February 14, to SATURDAY, February 21, 1931 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

## RUGBY INTERPORT.

HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI  
on Saturday, 13th February, 1931.

SHANGHAI v. UNITED SERVICES

on Tuesday, 17th February, 1931.

Club Ground. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Booking opens on Wednesday, 4th February. Covered Stand for Interport game only (Members Section) at the Club House, Non-Members (Covered Stand) at Moutiers.

Price of Admission, Interport Game, Covered Stand \$3.00; Uncovered Stand \$1.00; East and West Stands 50 cts. Including Tax. Service Game, Covered Stand, \$2.20; Uncovered Stand 60 cts. East and West Stands 40 cts.

Including Tax.

H. M. McTAVISH,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1931.

case, the flight could only be regarded as a desperate and wilful flirtation with death.

## ATLANTIC FLIGHTS RE-CALLED.

But, of course, it must not be forgotten that Colonel Lindbergh, in May 1927, flew solo 3,639 miles across the Atlantic non-stop from New York to Paris in 33½ hours in a 220 h.p. Ryan monoplane.

Sir Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, on the first non-stop Atlantic airplane flight ever made, covered the 1,890 miles which separate St. John's, Newfoundland, and Ireland, in June, 1919, in 16 hours 12 mins. using twin-engined Vickers biplane.

Captain Kohl, Baron von Huenfeld and Commandant Fitzmaurice (flying a German Bremen monoplane) made the first non-stop North Atlantic flight from east to west in April 1928, flying the 2,300 miles from Ireland to Labrador in 36 hours.

Then, too, Captain Coste and M. Bellonte, last September, flew a 750 h.p. Breguet biplane non-stop from Paris to New York (3,639 miles) in 37 hours 17 min.

## THE SOUTHERN CROSS FLIGHT.

Finally, it must not be forgotten that Air-Commodore Kingsford Smith himself, in his famous "Southern Cross" monoplane, has made the difficult and dangerous east to west crossing of the North Atlantic. He flew, in June, 1930, from Ireland to Newfoundland (1,900 miles) in 32 hours 12 mins.

Though utterly foohardy, therefore, the suggested North Pacific flight is not entirely beyond the realms of present-day possibilities.

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INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY, February 18th, HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI.  
SATURDAY, February 21st, SHANGHAI v. CHINESE.

MONDAY, February 23rd, SHANGHAI v. UNITED SERVICES.

All matches will be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground starting at 3.30 p.m. sharp.  
Booking for the Interport ONLY will be at Messrs. Moutries, Ltd., and will open for Clubs affiliated to the Association on February 5th. Booking for the General Public will open on February 10th.  
Prices:—Covered Stand \$2.20; Uncovered Stand \$1.10 including tax.

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## FUNG'S "HAT TRICK."

For the first time during the Interport 'Soccer' trials a real test was provided for the Probables' defence yesterday. Although the result was in favour of the Trial team, the Navy had as much of the game and, but for the splendid keeping of Clarke, coupled with the stout tackling and clearing of Strange and Bishop, would have ended on even terms. It must be said, however, that the Trial team's forwards were never really extended. The Probables made three changes in the team advertised, Ianson coming in for Ip Kwai, Strange taking Li Ting-sang's place and Suen coming in the rearranged forward line at inside left.

Q.M.S. Scott lined out the following teams:

Probables:—Clarke; Strange, Bishop; Hedley, Eynon, Yeoman; B. Gosano, Fung King-cheung, A. V. Gosano, Suen Kam-shun and Ianson. The Navy:—Aitken; Dixon, Carter; Rush, Shirras, Robertson; Morgan, Cartwright, Nash, Stephenson and Skinner.

## Play Described.

The Navy made ground on the opening, but were repelled and the Probables retaliated, when Ianson broke through and shot, but Dixon headed behind. However, the corner kick was cleared and Skinner ran down the line and centred but Yeoman cleared. After ten minutes they opened a splendid movement by Suen and A. V. Gosano alighted Fung King-cheung to run through and beat Aitken with a fast oblique shot, to open the scoring for the Probables. Suen, being offside, spoilt another opening made by A. V. Gosano, and from the kick, Morgan and Cartwright transferred play, but the latter kicked weakly behind. After Cartwright had tested Clarke with a hard drive, Eynon put Ianson away and from the pass Suen put to Fung, who forced a corner, which, however, was cleared. Skinner came up again and, cutting in, shot for Clarke to save splendidly, and Bishop just beat Cartwright and cleared. The Probables again got going and scored when A. V. Gosano ran through and put to Fung, who shot and beat Aitken with a similar shot to his first.

## Splendid Chance Lost.

Clarke was called upon to save again from Skinner, who had centred but the clearance forced the Navy to be on the defensive, but Aitken and his backs were equal to anything that was sent in. Rush broke up the attack when he boot-ed up-field and for a short period the ball hovered in the Probables' goal mouth, but the goal was never in any real danger. Suen had a splendid chance of scoring when B. Gosano centred, but he kicked behind. The Navy, towards the interval, had many chances to score but all were missed. A clearance by Clarke enabled Ianson to run through; his shot being brilliantly saved by Aitken.

## Half-time:

Probables 2 The Navy 0.

## Many Naval Mistakes.

On the resumption, the Navy re-opened the attack, but Cartwright shot the ball into the side of the net. From the clearance B. Gosano got away and from his centre Suen shot for Dixon to head out from under the bar. After the Navy had had a period of fruitless attacking Suen went near with a hard shot but Aitken saved splendidly. A few minutes later A. V. Gosano put Suen through, and the latter's shot skimmed the top of the bar. Play continued to be fairly fast and even, but the Navy inside forwards were making too many mistakes to be successful.

After Eynon and Hedley had made a combined effort to get their forwards on the move, Skinner gained possession and made a fine dash down the line and centred, but Bishop cleared splendidly. The Navy's defence, at this period, was keeping the opposing front line well in hand with the result that not much was seen of the stars. However, the Navy again failed in front of goal and after a clearance, a fine passing movement between the Probables' inside men ended when Fung trapped the ball and broke through the Navy defense to complete his "hat trick" when he cleverly evaded Dixon and tipped the ball over Aitken's head into the net. A minute later Fung brought Aitken to his knees with a hard drive.

## Last Minute Goal.

In the last falling light the Navy returned to the attack on the left, but Hedley was proving much too good for Skinner, thus the damage from the side was avenged. Then, however, through a slight foul to force a corner, but from the kick, Dixon beat Fung as far forward as was possible and started a minute later the Probables' last attack.

 Sport Columns

## SCOTTISH CUP TIE.

CLYDE AND ST. MIRREN  
DRAW.

## ENGLISH LEAGUE GAMES.

The Scottish Cup tie between Clyde and St. Mirren, which was postponed on Saturday, was played at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, the result being a draw.

In the English League Derby County lost a couple of valuable points, going down to the lowly Grimsby by a couple of goals margin.

In the Second Division Burnley returned to form with a good win over the "Wolves."

Results as cabled by Reuter:

## Scottish Cup.

## Clyde 1 St. Mirren 1

## English League—Division I.

## Grimsby 5 Derby Cnty. 3

## Division II.

## Burnley 4 "Wolves" 2

## REVISED LEAGUE TABLES.

## English League—Division I.

## Goals.

## P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

## Wednesday 23 17 5 6 76 48 39

## Arsenal 25 16 3 8 79 38 39

## Derby 27 13 7 6 75 49 33

## Portsmouth 27 11 9 7 58 48 31

## West Ham. 27 12 6 9 62 60 30

## Huddersfield 27 11 7 8 61 48 29

## Chester C. 28 12 5 11 50 51 29

## Sheffield U. 27 10 8 9 58 52 28

## Middlesb. 28 12 4 12 59 63 28

## Blackburn 26 10 6 10 55 50 28

## Chelsea 26 10 6 10 47 44 28

## Newcastle 27 11 4 12 59 59 28

## Liverpool 27 9 8 10 56 56 25

## Leicester 25 11 3 11 53 59 20

## Birmingham 27 7 8 12 41 52 22

## Sunderland 27 8 7 8 11 52 64 22

## Grimsby 28 9 4 16 46 60 21

## Middlesb. 26 9 4 13 35 50 22

## Leeds 27 8 5 14 52 66 21

## Blackpool 27 7 7 13 46 85 21

## Manchester U. 28 4 20 30 88 12

## Division II.

## Goals.

## P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

## Everton 27 20 4 3 87 42 44

## Tottenham 27 17 2 8 68 35 35

## West Brom. 27 15 6 7 57 34 35

## Wolves 27 17 0 10 54 42 34

## Preston N.E. 27 12 6 9 61 43 30

## Bradford 27 13 5 9 70 42 31

## Port Vale 27 14 8 10 54 46 31

## Burnley 27 18 5 9 58 57 31

## Burton 27 13 3 11 57 58 29

## Southampton 27 11 6 10 45 40 28

## Oldham 28 11 5 12 40 48 27

## Charlton 27 10 6 11 40 51 26

## Swansea 27 9 6 12 38 56 24

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## Reading 27 7 5 12 41 71 19

## Cardiff 24 7 4 15 39 59 18

## LAWN TENNIS IN INDIA.

## Conclusion of Japanese Domination.

## JENNY SANDISON WINS.

## Calcutta, Jan. 24.

## G. P. Hughes, the British Davis Cup player, and Mr. A. M. D. Pitt, the Indian Davis Cup representative, won the Bengal doubles championship to-day, beating Ueda and Kitagawa 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.

## Their victory thus ended the period of Japanese domination in Bengal tennis which had lasted since the days of Shimidzu.

## Miss Jenny Sandison retained the title by beating Mrs. Stork 6-4, 6-2, in the women's singles championship.

## Miss Sandison and Mrs. Simpson won the women's doubles championship, beating the holders, Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. Pollard, 6-1, 6-2.

## TENNIS.

## At the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club yesterday evening Mr. Justice J. R. Wood was re-elected President of the Club.

## Other officials to be selected were Mr. A. E. White (Chairman), Mr. G. C. Burnett (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. J. J. Ferguson (Hon. Treasurer). Three members were elected to the Committee—Messrs. T. J. Price, H. Pearson and W. Barnes.

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## The Navy.

## balls were back again and A. V.

## Gosano shot over the bar from his brother's centre. Within a minute

## from the time the Navy had down to score their only goal when Navy

## broke through on his own and

## plated the ball well out of Clarke's reach into the net.

## Result:—A minute later the Probables' 3 Navy

## LOS ANGELES GOLF TOURNEY.

Von Elm and Forrester in a Tie.

## TWO UNDER PAR.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10. George Von Elm, self-styled "business golfer," and Jack Forrester, Hackensack, N.J., professional, tied for first place in the opening round of the Los Angeles \$10,000 open tournament to-day. Each scored 68, two under par. Von Elm was out in 34 and in in the same figure.

Tied for third, with cards of 69, were Tony Manero, of New York, Eddie Loos, of Chicago, and Clarence Clarke, of Tulsa, Okla.

Other low scores: Leo Diegel, Agua Caliente professional 70.

Craig Wood, Bloomfield, N.J., 71. Gene Surzen, New York, 71. Al Watrous, Birmingham, Mich., 72.

Al Espinosa, Chicago, 72.

## AMAZING GOLF IN DARKNESS.

Recent Match Brings Back Reminiscences.

## BLIND V.C.

Rufus Stewart, Kooyonga golf professional, who has held many records, amazed a gallery at Kooyonga by going around 18 holes in 77 in the dark, says the Adelaide Observer. He did not lose a ball.

The only light

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## INWARD MAILS

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 Shanghai and Swatow ..... Szechuen  
 Amoy ..... Taima  
 Japan ..... La Plata Maru  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.  
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 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.  
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## OUTWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.  
 Foochow ..... Ninghai ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 Amoy ..... Tsinan ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 Straits ..... Shunko Maru ..... 5 p.m.  
 Formosa ..... Benwyis ..... 5 p.m.  
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 Empress of Japan. (Due Vancouver B.C. Feb. 20 \*Europe via Siberia)  
 Parcels ..... Feb. 4, 5 p.m.  
 Registration ..... Feb. 5, 9:15 a.m.  
 Letters ..... 10 a.m.  
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.  
 Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..... Menado Maru ..... 8:30 p.m.  
 Swatow ..... Hydrangea ..... 8 p.m.  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.  
 Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and \*South American Ports ..... La Plata Maru ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Bangkok ..... Chinhuia ..... 10 a.m.  
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles ..... Kashima Maru (Due Marseilles, Mar. 8.)  
 K.P.O. G.P.O.  
 Registration ..... Feb. 6, 4:30 p.m.  
 Letters ..... Feb. 7, 9 a.m.  
 Amoy ..... Nam Sang ..... 5 p.m.  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.  
 Straits and Calcutta ..... Talma  
 Parcels ..... Feb. 7, 8:45 a.m.  
 Letters ..... 1 p.m.  
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Yang ..... 1 p.m.  
 Manila ..... Empress of Canada 5 p.m.  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8.  
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Yang ..... 9 a.m.  
 Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kaying ..... 9 a.m.  
 Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Hozan Maru ..... 9 a.m.  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.  
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 Parcels ..... Feb. 9, 3 p.m.  
 Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
 Registration ..... 4:15 p.m.  
 President McKinley  
 Registration ..... Feb. 9, 5 p.m.  
 Letters ..... 6 p.m.  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.  
 Swatow ..... Foo Shing ..... 5 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.  
 Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and \*Europe via Victoria, B.C. ....  
 Hikawa Maru (Due Victoria, R.C., Mar. 4)  
 Registration ..... Feb. 11, 4:15 p.m.  
 Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
 Shanghai and \*Europe via Siberia ..... Hikawa Maru  
 Registration ..... Feb. 11, 5 p.m.  
 Letters ..... 6 p.m.  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.  
 Sandakan ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hoi Ning ..... 2 p.m.  
 Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles ..... Kashgar (Due Marseilles, March 14.)  
 K.P.O. G.P.O.  
 Parcels ..... Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m.  
 Registration ..... Feb. 14, 9 a.m.  
 Letters ..... 10 a.m.  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.  
 Straits and Calcutta ..... Yuen Sang  
 Parcels ..... Feb. 14, Noon.  
 Letters ..... 1 p.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## CONCERNING "IL TROVATORE."

## Past and Present Views.

## UNMATCHABLE VITALITY.

Last Saturday in London there were two performances of "Il Trovatore," one at the Old Vic, the other at Golders Green. It is extremely probable that there were other performances in other European capitals, but we will confine our attention to that which we know of (writes Francis Toye in the Morning Post in mail week). I wonder if it has ever occurred to the average music lover what a remarkable phenomenon the vitality of "Il Trovatore" in fact is. Written nearly eighty years ago, with the musical ideas expressed in a convention that has long since passed away, it captured the heart of the world almost immediately and has held it ever since. Thanks to the revival of interest in Verdi as a serious composer in Germany and elsewhere, it is perhaps more favourably regarded by the intellectuals to-day than at any time since the beginning of this century.

Many musicians, however, have always cherished a love for it. I well remember a typical, warm-hearted outburst from Dame Ethel Smyth when the opera was produced in London two or three years ago and one of our leading music critics showed signs of merely contemptuous tolerance: Dame Ethel trounced him properly, pointing out with perfect justice that the qualities of "Il Trovatore" are those which underlie the music and are not such as lend themselves to mere intellectual analysis.

**Contemporary Opinion.**  
 I had occasion recently to read some contemporary Press notices of "Il Trovatore," which are very interesting, and, on the whole, strikingly just. Certain defects are commented on, notably the paucity of concerted numbers, and the monotony of rhythmical interest. But on the whole they may be summed up as paucities of praise. For instance:

"The music transported us to heaven; and of a truth it could not be otherwise, because this is, without exaggeration, heavenly music. The composer deserves this splendid triumph in that he has here written music in a new style, imbued with Castilian characteristics."

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These last remarks well illustrate the difference between our attitude and that of a contemporary audience. No one to-day would think of describing the orchestration of "Il Trovatore" as either new or delicious. It may be, in fact, adequate; but the outstanding characteristic of the opera that obliterates all else to us is the expressive power of the melodies; the reason being, of course, that whereas composers have brought the art of orchestration to a pitch then undreamt of, nobody has ever surpassed the magnificent collection of tunes assembled by Verdi in "Il Trovatore"—tunes throbbing with sincerity and emotion. True, even at the time it was that quality of these tunes that principally impressed itself on the imagination of the world; but it is interesting to know that the orchestral factor was considered by no means negligible.

## The Libretto.

Nor can we appreciate, or even understand, any detail of the libretto of "Il Trovatore" causing genuine horror, so far as we removed from the conventions of the time. Yet it is certain that Gutiérrez's original play, "El Trovador," impressed its contemporaries as being as singularly potent and original drama, for it raised the author in one night, at the age of 23, from obscurity to an im-

portant position among Nineteenth Century Spanish dramatists.

Far too much has been written of the unintelligibility of the libretto of "Il Trovatore." It is complicated, but not unintelligible, provided it is read carefully and the reader remembers that the central figure is neither Manrico nor Leonora, but the gypsy woman, Azucena.

If we realise that Azucena is half-mad, or rather, like Hamlet, oscillates between madness and sanity, that her version of the story of the burning of the child is the true version, though she subsequently denies it; that blood feuds and belief in witchcraft were very real factors in the life of medieval Europe—then the plot becomes intelligible enough.

There is no doubt that Cammarano, encouraged by Verdi's passion for brevity, did excessively condense certain matters important in the unfolding of the dramatic action. There is no doubt that Verdi concentrated too exclusively his attention on the individual reaction of the characters to the detriment of their general correlation. But anyone who is prepared to devote an hour's study to the Italian libretto of "Il Trovatore" can follow its thread perfectly well. This is not done, partly because Verdi's music is so easy to follow, so immediately expressive of the individual emotions and situation, partly because study of Italian opera libretto is not considered a suitable pastime for the intelligent.

**The Music.**  
 It is not possible to consider here individual details of the music of "Il Trovatore." As the opera may be crude, unequal, devoid of technical, especially rhythmic, interest. It may lack profundity of insight and subtlety of characterisation, though Azucena wholly, Leonora and Manrico in part, come to life in their music at any rate. As a work of art it is inferior to "Rigoletto" and "La Traviata," perhaps the nearest approach to a purely "singer's opera" that Verdi ever wrote. Some of the effects, since copied by many other composers, may strike us as commonplace.

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## COLONY'S CENSUS

## Historical Review Of Development.

## GENERAL.

The word "Census," without other qualification, is now almost solely used to denote the enumeration of the people, periodically undertaken in most civilised countries of the World.

The Latin term "census" originally meant an enumeration of the people by the Roman Censors. The Censors, besides being concerned with the official registration of the Roman citizens (census), were also in charge of public morals (regimen morum); they made arrangements for the valuation of property, the collection of the public revenue and the execution of public works. The Roman Census had, therefore, special regard to fiscal matters and to the question of the rights and obligations of citizenship; the statistic and economic aspect of the enumeration of the people which in more prominent now was almost ignored.

## Earliest Known Enumerations.

I.—An enumeration of the people would appear to have taken place in Babylonia at a very early date, certainly prior to B.C. 3300. Our knowledge of this is derived from a series of some 30,000 tablets (now mainly in the British Museum), dated about B.C. 2500 to 2300, which describe an elaborate system of fiscal or revenue control by which the wealth of the country could be estimated minutely. Careful statistics not only of persons, but also of live stock, asses and oxen were drawn up and butter, honey, milk, wool, and even vegetables were inventoried. The surveys appear to have been made at intervals of about 6 or 7 years.

II.—In Egypt the construction of the pyramids demanded a considerable body of statistics. These are believed to have been compiled about 3,050 B.C. About 2,200 B.C. and again in 1,400 B.C. map of the country and statistical data were compiled. An elaborate registration system was in force and for Census purposes the country was divided into administrative units. III. In China also there appear to have been very early enumerations of the people.

## Respect by Confucius.

In the Analects (Legge Chap X) Confucius is stated to have bowed his head forward over the front rail of his car or chair as a mark of respect to the census-bearer. There is also a reference in the Chau Lal (the laws of the Chau Dynasty) to the officer who was "in charge of the entering up of the numbers of the myriad people." All those who have teeth and upwards (i.e. over 8 months old in the case of males and 7 months in the case of females according to the commentator) are entered on tablets, with a note of their various regional distinctions and with annual entries of deaths. Every third year there was a special enumeration and the member of the myriad people was reported to the census officer, who in winter on a particular day of sacrifice offered the census roll to the Emperor, and placed it in the sacred treasury.

## First Biblical Record.

IV.—The Hebrew Census was ordinarily undertaken with the object of ascertaining the number of adult males available for military service.

The first Biblical record of an enumeration of the people is in the Book of Exodus (XXX, 11-16) where it is stated that Moses was directed to number the children of Israel. The assigned date of this is B.C. 1,491. The first systematic census is that, however, recorded

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## "SCANDALMONGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE."

## Tragedy in American Family in Rhodesia.

## "LESSON IN HATE."

Umtali, Dec. 14. At the inquest on the American big-game hunter, Dr. Magoon, it was revealed that the murder of his wife was premeditated.

Following a violent domestic quarrel relating to Magoon's previous relations with women who had lived in his house for the past three years, his wife threatened to return to America. Magoon disappeared for several nights, during which time he remained without food, placed his affairs in order and returned during the early hours one morning and killed his wife with an axe. He then went to the house of the woman with a revolver and fired, but it jammed, whereupon he injured one woman with its butt. A second woman intervened and both escaped as Magoon, with his wooden leg, was unable to pursue them. He returned to his own house, lay down beside his wife and blew the top of his head off with a rifle.

A document, produced in Court signed by Magoon, declared that two girls during the past few years had lived in his house, helping him in the house and office. They called him "grandpa." He loved them as much as his own life.

It was all quite innocent, though indiscreet, but his wife and her two daughters (by a previous marriage) seemed naturally, but without reason, jealous of these girls.

He thereupon decided to kill all concerned so as to prevent misery. "I have painlessly taken the lives of all. I think it an act of mercy. I love my wife dearly, but she does not know that scandal-mongers are responsible. May this be a lesson to them in hate."

A verdict of murder and suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned.

[An Umtali message of December 14 read.—Married at Salisbury, South Rhodesia, only a month ago Dr. R. L. Magoon, a noted American big-game hunter, who is also a well-known dentist, and his wife, Audrey, were found dead in their bedroom.

The wife came from Oregon, United States, with her two daughters two months ago.]

the ages of 17 and 60 (Tacitus XI, 25).

## 1,200 Years Interval.

After the sacking of Rome (A.D. 410) the practice of census-taking fell into disuse and at least 1,200 years elapsed before the census was adopted by Christian Europe. As already mentioned it is believed that the Biblical account of the Divine wrath against David's enumeration of his people disgraced any census undertaking. There appeared, however, in the Middle Ages various compilations, more of the nature of cosmographies, dealing in a descriptive manner with different states or countries. Notable examples of these are the Breviary of Charlemagne (A.D. 808), Al Mamun's Description of the Khalifate (A.D. 830), the Doomsday Book of William the Conqueror (A.D. 1086), the Land Register of the Danish King, Waldemar II. (A.D. 1231) and Macchiavelli's "Ritratti della Francia e delle Allemagna" (A.D. 1515). In the 13th century about the time that Marco Polo visited China, it is stated that a census of Thibet was taken by Kubla Khan.

## Credit to Quebec.

It was not until the 17th century that any regular or systematic census was taken. The credit of first attempting the compilation of population statistics in more modern times belongs to the Canadian Province of Quebec or La Nouvelle France as it was then called, where between the years 1,655 and 1,764, no fewer than 15 regular censuses were taken, most of them nominal, that is, every individual enumerated was recorded by name. During the latter portion of the same period 7 censuses of Nova Scotia (then Acadia) and 6 of Newfoundland were also taken.

In Europe registration of local citizenship was commenced in Wurttemburg in 1622 but systematic records of population were not commenced until the 18th century. In 1719 Frederick William I. of Prussia began his half-yearly accounts of population and enumerations of the people took place in Hesse-Darmstadt in 1742, Hesse-Cassel in 1747, Sweden in 1748, Gotha in 1754 and in many other places.

In the United States of America the first census was taken in 1790. In Britain and in France the first regular censuses were taken in 1801; in Norway in 1815; in Belgium in 1831; while in later years, during the 19th century, censuses were instituted in nearly all the remaining important countries of the world.

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## MARX BROTHERS IN REAL LIFE.

Harpo — Untaught Harpist.

A FAMILY GROUP.

Plymouth, Dec. 31.

Three of the Marx Brothers arrived at Plymouth last night on their way to London, where they are to head Mr. C. B. Cochran's variety programme, which opens at the Palace Theatre next Monday.

The missing brother was Harpo Marx, who arrives in another liner to-morrow.

The three entertainers were in the children's dining-room of the ss. Paris, surrounded by their families. Groucho is the father of two—a boy and a girl.

Chico, the pseudo-Italian pianist, and Zeppo, the juvenile, were also accompanied by their wives.

But Groucho, who stated that it was eight years since he visited Manchester, and that the soot was still in his ears, was a widely different man from his screen personality. Robed of his moustache and wearing octagonal-shaped spectacles, he looked in his bowler hat like a rather unhappy tourist whose only desire was to go straight home.

Chico, on the other hand, in his green suit and with a cigar sticking out of his pocket, was exactly what one would expect.

Rise to Fame.

The story of the Marx families' rise to fame was, as he told it, a romantic one. Their grandfather, who died at the age of 101, was a confectioner, and his wife was a harpist. It was upon her instrument that Harpo, the absent brother, whose real name is Arthur, taught himself to play. Although amazingly proficient on the harp, he has never had a lesson in his life.

Groucho was once billed as "The Singing Nightingale," and Harpo owes his reputation of being dumb to the fact that he was accidentally given nothing to say in an early sketch.

Their father, who is a Frenchman, is coming to London to see them at the Palace.

There is a fifth brother, known as Gummo, from his habit of wearing gum boots all the year round, but he has now retired.

JAVANESE JUNGLES.

PRIMITIVE OBSTACLES IN FILMING PICTURE.

Defying all warnings against an expedition into the unexplored Malay jungles, Ernest B. Schoedsack, dare-devil soldier-of-fortune, spent more than a year in the "bad-lands" of Sumatra, and emerged safely with the completed film of "Jungle War," an adventure drama for Paramount.

When Schoedsack, who co-directed "Grass" and "Chang," arrived in Java fourteen months ago, bent upon making a picture in the wilderness of Sumatra, Government officials tried to dissuade him from his plans. He was warned that he would have to brave the treacherous part of the jungles, where heat, disease, fierce tribesmen and tigers stalked the progress of white men.

Because the story he had written for "Jungle War" required the simultaneous appearance of apes and tigers, and because the forbidden tropics of Sumatra is the only place in the world where both animals inhabit the same forests, Schoedsack determined to push the expedition through as originally planned.

The first Gordian knot he was forced to unravel was the transportation of twelve tons of equipment through more than fifty miles of impenetrable jungle growth. This problem was solved by distributing a year's supply of food, film, medicine and cameras into sixty-pound boxes that could be carried on the heads of Javanese porters. Securing the notoriously work-shy natives to act as carriers, sent Schoedsack and an interpreter scouting over more than 100 miles of jungle to native villages where one by one the Javanese were persuaded to join the expedition for the unheard-of wage of thirty-eight cents a day.

At the edge of the jungle, Schoedsack and his forty carriers halted, because the growth was too tangled to permit the march to continue in single file. Schoedsack selected four Chinese warriors from the ranks of the porters to start twenty-four hours ahead of the campaign and beat down a makeshift path with their war clubs.

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# MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

### GRETA GARBO THE HEROINE OF "ROMANCE."

#### ADAPTATION OF STAGE HIT.

Among the hundreds of reasons which have been advanced at one time or another to account for the phenomenal success of Greta Garbo, exclusive of her inimitable personality and beauty, is that of the Swedish star's versatility. Whereas other cinema personalities are content to shine within limited spheres by which they may be recognised as the flapper-type, the sophisticated

the Devil," "A Woman of Affairs" and "Anne Christie" again handled the megaphone.

#### "WITH BYRD AT THE SOUTH POLE."

The management of the Central Theatre, receiving many requests, have decided to show to-day and to-morrow only the daring flight of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd across the South Pole in Paramount's "With Byrd at the South Pole."

Never before has such a colourful pictorial record been spread on the screen. More than 30 miles of film were required to perfect it. From the moment Rear-Admiral Byrd and his intrepid band of explorers landed in the unknown

dangers such as few men have lived through.

Even before this thrilling race started, the Byrd men had to win a race against the terrific cold. The plane had to be made ready. Engine oil, always removed at the end of a flight to keep it from congealing in the crankcases, had to be heated to a boiling point in one of the houses. The airplane motors, covered with thick canvas hoods, were heated by means of gasoline torches placed under them. It took two hours to bring the engines to the proper degree of heat to take the boiling oil. The temperature was 65 degrees below zero.

When the motors were warmed, a short was sent for the oil man.

Such incidents, exciting and real, are parts of the picture Paramount has captured, "With Byrd at the South Pole." Willard Vanderveer, Paramount camera man with the expedition, says "It was an amazing experience to live through. Now, when I see it on the screen, it is more amazing than ever."

#### "MEN OF THE NORTH."

"Tuned fists" are one of the exigencies of talking pictures. When "Men of the North," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's dramatic story of the North woods, which will open to-morrow in the Queen's Theatre, was filmed, a fist immersed for ten minutes in warm water did the pounding on a cabin door.

The scene is that in which Gilbert Roland comes upon Barbara Leonard, Arnold Korff, and George Davis in a snow-bound cabin. It was filmed in the snows of Truckee. When Roland pounded on the door, it sounded in the microphone like a club striking the panel.

Investigation proved that the actor's fist, hardened with the cold, was almost as hard as wood. So before he pounded again, he had to soak the fist in warm water to "thaw" it until it really sounded like a fist.

The new picture is a dramatic adventure romance of the French Canadian wilds, based on a story by Willard Mack and directed by Hal Roach. The plot circles about the pursuit of a suspected lawbreaker by the Mounted Police and entails exciting faces on skis and dogsleds. An unusual detail is the filming of an avalanche which almost buries the heroine in the snow.

Gilbert Roland plays the leading male role and the cast includes Barbara Leonard, Arnold Korff, Robert Elliott, George Davis, Nena Quarto and Robert Graves, jun. The picture presents an innovation in the production of talkies, having been filmed simultaneously in five languages. Miss Leonard playing the feminine lead in the English, French, German and Italian versions.



Greta Garbo.

type, the romantic-type, etc. . . . Miss Garbo refuses to be cast into a mould and has made it a point to insist on being given a totally different characterisation with each succeeding picture.

From the Spanish portrayals of such early pictures as "The Torrent" and "The Temptress" and the erotic flavour of "Love" and "Flesh and the Devil," Miss Garbo swung to the restrained but highly dramatic characterisation of the maligned British heroine in "A Woman of Affairs." Followed the oriental atmosphere of "Wild Orchids," and then, in striking contrast, the American girl of "The Single Standard." The sophisticated woman of "The Kiss" was her next role, and close upon its heels came the totally unexpected characterisation of "Anna Christie." As the latest indication of her amazing versatility, in "Romance," her second all-talking picture which is showing in the Queen's Theatre, Miss Garbo plays the part of an Italian opera singer.

This is the same role played on the stage by Doris Keane in the well-known Edward Sheldon drama which, following a successful season in New York, ran for three years in the Duke of York Theatre in London and was subsequently played in most of all the large countries throughout the world. The talking screen adaptation was made by Bess Meredyth and Edwin Justus Mayer, and Clarence Brown who directed Miss Garbo in "Flesh and the Devil."

The Javanese jungles possess a savage splendour that is impossible to describe," asserts Schoedsack. "During our march we often lost the path because the tropical growth had covered it overnight."

When the camera-adventurers halted for the night, it was necessary to build ten colossal fires to keep the prowling tigers from pouncing unexpectedly. Even with the protection of the fire, Schoedsack was warned by the natives to sleep with one eye open as a hungry tiger refuses to be daunted by a few burning logs. Each day they averaged a distance of a scant ten miles because the crushing heat, which often reached 150 degrees, the tropical rains and ranged growth cut progress down to snail's pace. At the end of the fifth day, the expedition reached a small clearing in the jungle that was to be its home for more than a year. Schoedsack supervised the building of four bamboo huts raised fifteen feet from the ground, in deference to his majesty the tiger, and a few rough tables and benches for furniture. When a special room had been constructed to protect the cameras and film from the destroying dampness, and the food supply had been buried and surrounded by bamboo blinds to protect it from the scavenging animals, Schoedsack was ready for the big job of filming a picture of jungle adventure.

region at the "bottom of the world," until they started the final trek for home, the life they led, the sights they saw, the thrills they experienced are in this film for everybody to wonder and marvel at.

Byrd's race to the South Pole was a race against time, the terrific cold and the appalling terrors of the Antarctic winter. For seven weeks the adventurers waited while cloud and fog blanketed the sky. Then came twenty hours of clear weather, and, in these twenty hours, Byrd, with three companions, made the daring flight across the Pole and back to the comparatively safe base. They covered a distance of 1,680 miles and, during the flight, faced

## FILM COMPANY'S FAILURE.

### Effect of the "Talkies."

The statutory first meetings of the creditors and shareholders of Apha Film Corporation Ltd., Wardour Street, W., were held at the London Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. H. P. Naunton, Official Receiver, reported that the company was registered as a private company in September, 1928, with a capital of £5,000, to carry on business as film renters, producers, and film agents. The first directors were Maurice James Wilson and Claude Maurice Marx. Mr. Wilson was appointed managing director at a salary of £600 a year and £40 a year for expenses, and Mr. Marx acted as sales manager with a similar remuneration and allowance.

The company, it was stated, had been handicapped throughout by lack of working capital, and its business had only been carried on through the medium of loans obtained from time to time on the security of contracts entered into with the exhibitors, and of bills of exchange accepted by the company.

The unsecured creditors' claims amounted to £25,000, including £9,000 due to Mr. Wilson and £1,000 to Mr. Marx, and the former had stated that he had given his personal guarantee to the extent of £6,000 to unsecured creditors. Mr. Stephen Croft, who had been appointed receiver, had stated that so far as he could ascertain there was no prospect of any surplus available from the realisation of the assets for the benefit of the unsecured creditors.

The failure of the company was attributed by Mr. Wilson principally to the advent of talking films. A resolution was passed at both meetings appointing Mr. Donald P. Ell, chartered accountant, as liquidator.

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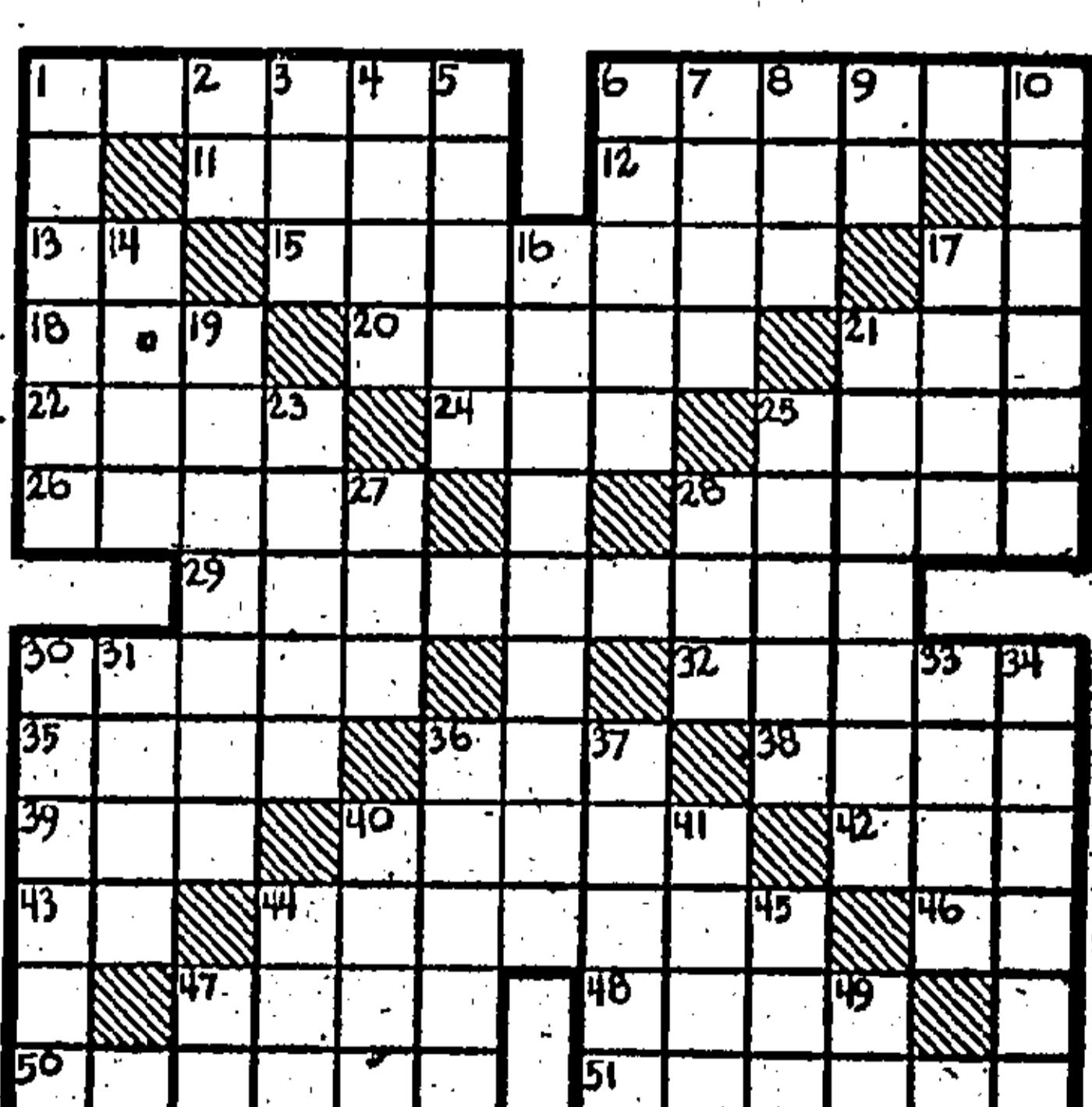
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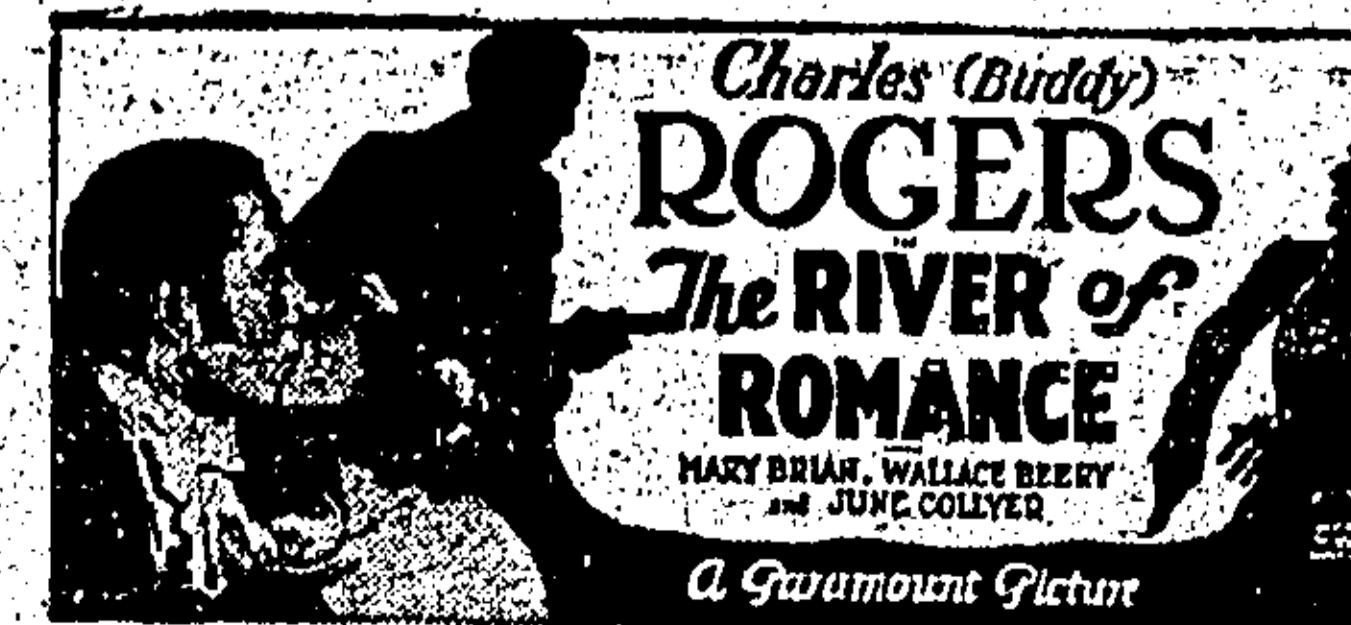
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### NO TRUTH IN REPORT.

Detroit, Yesterday. The Ford Motor Company states that there is no truth in the rumour that the Ford rubber plantations at Tapajos are to be abandoned. On the contrary, the Company intends to speed up the work on the plantation.—Reuter's American Service.

[The report referred to, stated that there were indications that Mr. Henry Ford is abandoning his rubber growing experiment, after investing several millions of dollars in plantations in the Tapajos River region of Brazil. The employees have been reduced from 3,000 to 200. Some of the staff have resigned and others are transferred to Australia. It is reported that Mr. Ford believed he had a Government concession, whereas he only had a state grant.]

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### WAGE-CUT DISSENSION.

Cologne. Yesterday. The Vereinigte Stahlwerke are closing down their works near Duisburg. This will affect 8,690 men whose representatives have refused to agree to a 20 per cent. wage-cut and a 10 per cent. restriction of the number of working days.—Reuter.

## MISS ENGLAND II

TO ENTER FOR BRITISH WORLD  
TROPHY.

Rugby. Yesterday. Lord Wakefield has decided to enter his racing motorboat, the Miss England Second, for the British International Trophy to be contested at Detroit next August.

The pilot will be Kaye Don, who during recent trials at Lough Neagh attained an unofficial record of over 100 miles an hour.

Kaye Don meanwhile hopes to make an official attempt on the world speed record at Buenos Aires early in March, during the British Empire Trade Exhibition.—British Wireless Service.

### IRAQ PIPELINE.

CONCESSION FOR 70 YEARS  
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Jerusalem. Yesterday. The Iraq pipeline convention between the High Commissioner of Palestine and the Iraq Petroleum Company, provides for the construction of a pipeline terminating in Acre Bay.

The concession lasts seventy years, after which the pipeline in Palestine becomes the High Commissioner's property. The convention may be cancelled if the necessary agreements with other countries through which the pipeline passes are not completed within three years.—Reuter.

## ROYAL MAIL STOCK.

LIABILITY IN EVENT OF  
WINDING UP.

London, Yesterday. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s stock, which had recently shrunk to £8, cannot now be given away on the Stock Exchange, in consequence of adverse view on the question of whether holders' liability will be unlimited in the event of winding up. Counsel's opinions on this are in conflict.—Reuter.



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Would Mean a Return of  
Conservatives.

### GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, addressing a meeting of the Progressive Labour Party today, said that the Government had decided that their duty was to continue to do their best to improve the economic situation and not to throw the country into the turmoil of a general election unless the circumstances compelled that course.

He believed that the Labour, not merely Government, but Liberal leaders, were convinced that a general election would now mean a return of Conservatives, and both were determined to do their utmost to stave off an election.—Reuter.

## FLIGHT TO CAPE.

TWO R.A.F. PLANES ARRIVE AT  
PRETORIA.

### FORCED TO DESCEND.

Pretoria, Yesterday. Two of three Vickers Victoria troop carrying aeroplanes flying to Capetown have arrived. A storm forced all to descend at Boshock yesterday. The third temporarily remained at Boshock owing to shortage of petrol.—Reuter.

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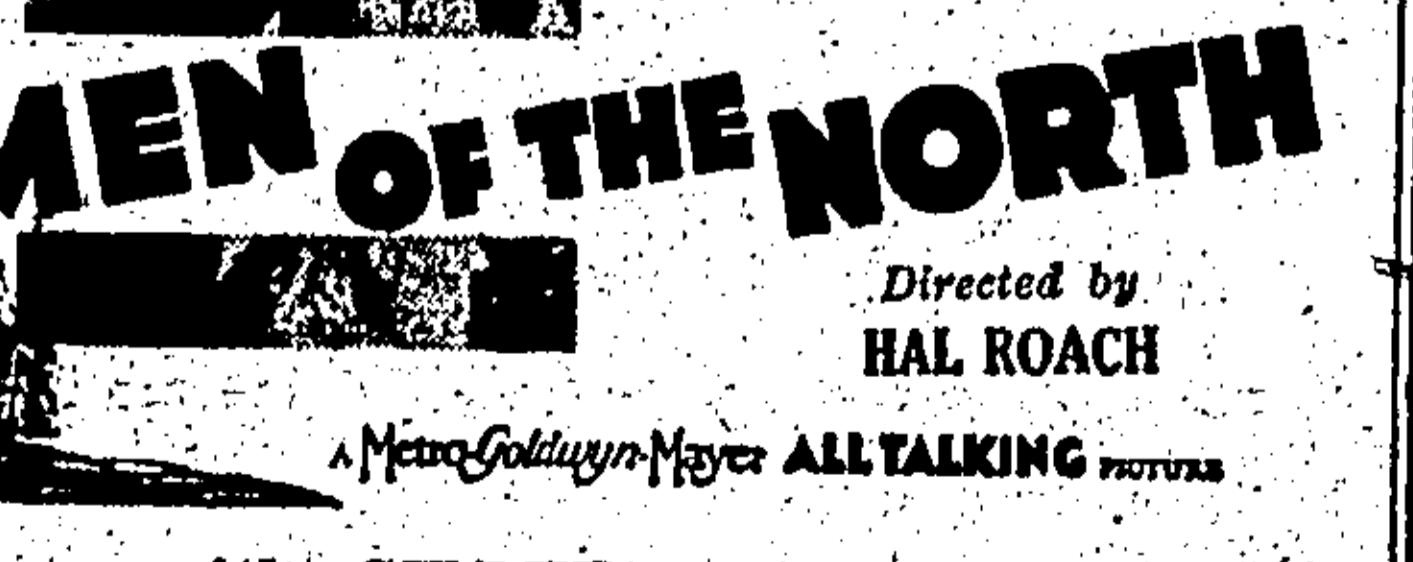
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